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SEATTLE STREET CAR STRIKE

It Was Ordered Early This Morning

And Eight Hundred Men at Once Went Out

Took Cars to the Barns and Then Quietly Dispersed

Seattle, March 26.—At 1 o'clock this morning a vote was taken, and a strike ordered of the street car men. Eight-hundred are out. The cars were all run to the barns quietly, and the men dispersed. At 6 o'clock this morning Superintendent Kempster had some employees in the mechanical department took out three cars, but withdrew after the first trip; mail cars are being run, and are not stopped. The union has stationed men at prominent places to prevent overt acts of sympathizers. The men appealed to the mayor not to place policemen until some act justified the company in asking it. It is probable the companies will apply to the federal court today for an injunction against the strikers.

Jacob Furth, president of the company, says he will resist the demands of unionism to the bitter end. He will import new men as fast as possible to fill the places of the strikers. Recruiting orders have been telegraphed to Portland, San Francisco and other places.

Forced to Admit It.
Dublin, March 26.—Irish papers today going into the details of the proposed land bill generally criticize

some of them, but generally allow a grudging admiration of the whole scheme. As a general thing acknowledgment is given that Wyndham's plan is purely economical, not political, and it is believed will not arouse passion on either side.

Famous Hebrew Dying.

New York, March 26.—Rabbi Gotthell, pastor of Temple Emanuel and leader of the Hebrew sect in America, is in a critical condition this morning. He has been ill for several days from stomach trouble. He lapsed into unconsciousness yesterday and still continues so. He is of advanced age.

Cabinet Crisis in Spain.

Madrid, March 26.—Villaverde, minister of finance, has resigned, thus precipitating the long expected cabinet crisis. The resignation was made on the grounds that he could not agree to the large expenditures demanded by the other portfolios.

MAKE A NEW MERGER

Reduce Capitalization About Three-fourths

It is Known as the National Steel Company

Trenton, March 26.—The United States steel corporation filed today in the secretary of state's office the merger of three new companies, acquired since the formation of the trust. The capital stock of the merger is \$63,000,000. It is called the National Steel Company. The three companies include the National, Carnegie and American Steel & Hoop Co., whose present combined capital is a quarter of a billion dollars. By reducing the capitalization they save \$70,000 in annual state taxes.

PRURIENT FEMALES GATHER

Ornithorhynchus and Harpy

Caracara, Platypus, Bird, Beast and Reptile

All Assembled to Hear the Salacious Details

Buffalo, March 26.—There was a big jam around the doors of the court room where the Burdick inquest is to be held this morning. As early as 8:30 police were on hand to prevent overcrowding, and, as in the other hearings, they were mostly women. When the seats were filled the doors were closed.

The inquest hearing was delayed until 10:30. Rev. Powers, pastor of the Messiah church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Burdick and Mrs. Hull are members, was the first witness. He had two talks with Burdick about his domestic affairs, as it was a common report that he had family troubles. He had the impression that Burdick, in conversation, had told him Pennell had said that unless Burdick let up on his divorce case something would happen. He also had a talk with Mrs. Hull prior to the murder, when she said: "Allie is not without fault, yet if you knew the whole thing you would not think the fault was all on one side. Burdick will get his divorce, and I don't see why Pennell and Mrs. Burdick should wish to fight it."

Powers walked home with Burdick the same day, when he was told the whole story. Burdick said Pennell worried about it, and told him he would commit suicide. He said Pennell forced Mrs. Burdick to resist the divorce. Burdick threatened, Alice said, if Pennell continued to fight the case, he would make all Pennell's letters public, causing ridicule. Carroll Burdick was recalled and took the stand on the conclusion of her sister's testimony.

The child was questioned regarding Mrs. Hull's appearance and actions at the time the crime was discovered. Mrs. Hull was recalled to the stand, and flatly denied the servants' statements that the crime was discovered and information given to her by a domestic before she arose that morning. She knew about Burdick's choking his wife in order to gain access to the safe deposit box, although she didn't witness the altercation. She also knew Pennell visited Mrs. Burdick at Atlantic City. She denied going into the basement with Dr. Marcy. Didn't like Pennell, and appealed to him to leave Mrs. Burdick alone. He replied coldly that he wouldn't be driven out of Buffalo, and that there was a better way to settle the matter. She met him once after this, but refused to acknowledge his salute. Her feelings toward him were full of resentment. The inquest adjourned with Maggie Murray on the stand. She contradicted much of Mrs. Hull's testimony regarding the events in the house on the morning of the murder.

It was nearly 3 o'clock when the inquest was again opened. The judge announced that he would close the Pennell inquest this afternoon until Monday.

Penitentiary or Matrimony

Tacoma, Wash., March 26.—Harry C. Elliott, a pupil of a commercial college, was this afternoon taken from his class room on a fugitive from justice warrant, issued by Judge Griffin. The warrant was secured by Miss Mary M. O'Connell a pretty young woman, 29 years of age, who says she was seduced in Portland by the defendant, under promise of marriage, and that she is about to become a mother.

A requisition for extradition has been issued by Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon. The young woman asks that the young man keep his alleged promise, and marry her at once. It is understood that there will be no pressing of the requisition for extradition if he will consent to do this.

The proposition was presented to Elliott after his arrest, and he has taken until tomorrow morning to consider the matter. He was dazed at being called out of his classroom by

the officer, but neither affirmed nor denied the charge.

More Indictments in St. Louis.
St. Louis, March 26.—A number of indictments were returned by the grand jury yesterday, promising another sensation. Circuit Attorney Folk refuses to discuss the details, but it is known they deal with the white slave traffic.

Three arrests were made on the grand jury indictments this afternoon of men charged with traffic in vice. One was Louis Sovner, who was accused of selling two young girls to a brothel keeper, and taking their clothing away from them so they could not escape.

Will Serve for Life.
Sheriff W. A. Story, of Multnomah county, last night brought DeFalco, the Italian wife murderer, to the penitentiary from Portland. DeFalco was sentenced to prison for life.

CHINESE MINISTER ARRIVES

Will Follow the Policies of Minister Wu

Says Only Limited Number of Chinese Should Come

San Francisco, March 26.—Sir Liang Cheng, the new Chinese minister, arrived on the steamer Korea this morning. Wu's successor is also envoy to Spain and Peru. He is accompanied by Yung Kwei, secretary of the legation, and a numerous suite. Cheng says the relations of China and the United States were never more friendly, and principally on account of the successful mediation of Uncle Sam in the boxer trouble. He says the recent boxer troubles are not serious, and no more danger is likely. He declares it is not wise for Chinese laborers to be allowed to come to this country without a limit. As to his policy, he said: "I can follow no better example than that of Minister Wu."

The Same Old Color Line

New Orleans, March 26.—New Orleans women didn't take any part in today's opening session of the National Council of Women. The visitors are officially ignored, because they refused to change their views respecting the admission of negroes to business meetings. The visitors, on the other hand, are totally oblivious of the existence of the New Orleans council. No negroes were present at this morning's session. The reception to night will be independent of the local council.

We Will Have to Bear It.
Berlin, March 26.—Count von Waldensee denies that he contemplates a visit to America.

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WILL BE NAMED MONDAY

It is Stated on Good Authority

Supt. James, of Prison, Will Announce Appointees

Suspense of Applicants Will Soon Be Relieved

C. W. James, superintendent-elect of the state prison, went to Portland this afternoon, where he will tomorrow witness the execution of the murderer, A. L. Belding. Mr. James will return to this city within a day or two and complete preparations for taking charge of the prison on Wednesday, April 1st. It is learned from an authentic source, however, that the announcement of the subordinate officials at the penitentiary will not be made by Mr. James before next Monday, following his return to the city. So the anxious applicants for appointment under the new administration must tolerate a few days' more suspense.

Calling in Bonds.
Washington, March 26.—The secretary of the treasury today published a circular announcing that after April 1st, he will receive for refunding not to exceed \$100,000 of any bonds of the three per cent loan of 1908-1918, and four per cent fund loan of 1907, at prices yielding to the investor 2 1/2 per cent per annum.

It is officially announced this afternoon that Judge Tyner, assistant attorney-general of the postoffice department, will resign on account of

ill health. He entered the service 40 years ago as postmaster-general under Harrison.

Believed Him Innocent.
Paris, March 26.—Among the papers of MacDonald, who suicided at the Hotel Regima, yesterday were found letters from several prominent persons in Ceylon, assuring him of their sympathy and support, and their belief in his innocence. The body will be placed in a coffin tomorrow and sent to London.

Took the Laudnum Route.
St. Louis, March 26.—Victor Rotchenburg, whose residence is 1520 Post street, San Francisco, committed suicide, by taking laudanum at the Hotel Garni this morning. He was here representing a San Francisco business house.

Caused by Drugs.
A stranger named Prichard, and aged about 51 years, was committed to the asylum from this county today. Prichard was brought to the county jail from Aurora about the first of the month, having been sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment for the larceny of some fixtures from a school house. The man has used opium, morphine and cocaine to excess, and his deranged mental condition has resulted from this habit.

Pendo.
Liberty Council, Order of Pendo, will meet Friday evening at Christian Science hall, over book-binding, Liberty and Court streets. It

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